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FRANCE AND GERMANY

France was our ally and Germany was the enemy in the war from which we have not yet technically emerged, and it is far from the intention of Americans to change sides now. The faults they have found recently with French policy were not brought forward for the purpose of humiliating France or encouraging the enemy out for the improvement of a situation in which America has a right to speak in a frank and friendly manner for the good of all

It seems that our gallant allies have a greatly exaggerated respect for the military menace of Germany today,

Apparently the dispatch of some 20,000 German troops into the neutral and prohibited zone for the sake of putting down revolution excited the French government to an act of panic-there is no other means of accounting plausibly for the French occupation of Frankfort-exposing France to the disgrace of being publicly disapproved by her allies.

During the late war the darkest pessimism reigned at one time or another in France respecting the prospects against Germany and it was largely justified. But after the tide turned, there were innumerable Frenchmen to be found even among the most intelligent classes who still persisted in thinking Germany invincible and since the war has been won and ended these consider the vic tory a very temporary blessing.

It is perfectly true that we do not envy France her neighbor on the northeast, for the Germans seem to be both by nature and by intention obstreperous and disagreeable, and what is more, they multiply rapidly in the biological sense of the word.

Nevertheless the victory was as monumental and sweeping as anything on record, and it is not in the nature of men to invite such a disaster twice. As an evidence that the German people had decided to break with militaristic leaders, a government of the most plebeian and uninteresting character was elected and holds office to this day, altered only by certain changes in its personnel in the socialistic and unmilitary direction. To supplement that evidence, there is the fiasco of the military coup attempted not long ago by the old guard of the Prussian junker element, and the subsequent proof that the real danger confronting Germany is not militarism

The situation is not as it was in 1871, when Germany had won a war instead of losing. But it would seem that in that year was born a fear of Germany which has become a cult in France, a superstition, a thing not worthy of the famous Gallic cock.

It is desirable now, as the French premier recently has said that France should reopen friendly relations with Germany as soon as it is honorably possible, but it does not further this worthy object for France to send negro troops to take possession, without the clearest possible reason, of one of the proudest of the German cities, the birthplace of Goethe.

The large and profitable business plied by British authors and critics in the course of their lecture tours through this country during recent years has caused some apprehension to be expressed from time to time by patriots as to the unfavorable trade balance being created against us in the literary markets of the world.

Their name is legion, but the casual man can cite the names of the poets Masefield, Noyes, Yeats and Nichols, the playwright Dunsany, the novelists Galsworthy and Walpole, and the critic Powys, as among those British men of letters who have dispensed uplift to huge American audiences and departed with much Amer-

Thirsty for spiritual essences, it would appear that misguided fellow countrymen at the rate of two dollars a sip have been eager to try these imported bottlings from British founts, much to the disgust of those native literary lights who believe fully in the efficacy of the home brew, and are convinced of the necessity of a very high protective tariff against foreign goods of this class.

It is therefore a pleasure to observe by the recent cables from London that America is on the point of getting back all that she has lost, and more, by means of a successful invasion of English markets. We do not refer to the vulgar trade in pork and cotton but to the commerce in that highly esthetic commodity known as iazz music. Reports agree that London and the English cities are totally infatuated with American jazzes, and that American bands are gathering in pounds sterling, which have not yet depreciated to the point of being sneezed at, on a fabulous scale.

This is sweet revenge. If it seemed bitter that British should dispose at such handsome figures of her surplus of culture to gullible America, the balance is righted when it is found that we too have an article in excess which British customers are clamoring for at great profit and considerable relief to ourselves.

It will be of interest to see which of two events will happen first: Will America drop back with a bang, after being lifted up s far and no farther, or will Britain cry quits, breathless and dizzy with keeping time to the fifty-seven varieties of syncopated Amer-

TURKEY

it around the once great empire of Turkey. The allies mean to remove this great menace to civilization. The sultan is still the nominal head of the empire, but under him are rich and powerful satraps and subordinates who rule and drive him as the grand dukes formerly ruled and drove the ill-fated exar of Russia. But the Turkish empire is doomed. It has proven itself unfit to exist, and it must pass. The allies are moving cautiously, but every move they make lessens the once illimitable power of the Turk. They are closing in on him, and their collapsing force is suffo-

Once Constantinople is in other hands, the sultan will have no stake with which to gamble with other nations, playing one against the other, as he has so skillfully and successfully done for many years. It has taken time and it will take more time to bring about the desired change. The task is a big one and the consequences are to be momentous.

Power and place are slipping away from Turkey, and in less than a great many years it will cease to function as a nation of consequence. It has lived by blood and oppression, and retribution is surely coming to it. Speed the day

"Mexico on the verge of another revolution," says a headline which fails to state what she proposes to do with the one now in progress.

Some people may get comfort from the statement that prices have reached the peak, but the peak is too far out of range to interest us,

It's Just a Case of Some Do and Some Don't-By Briggs

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The Question Box?

Q. Were there any earthquakes in the United States last year?—L. R. A. There were 87 earthquakes in the United States in 1919, according to the bulletin of the department of agri-culture.

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by presidents whose birthdays came the month of February?—E. A. S.

In addition to Washington and colu. President William H. Harrison born in the month of February, birthday having been February 9,

Q. What is the average height and weight for a boy of 157-E. Z.

A. The average height of a boy of 15 years is 62:3 inches. A boy of that height should weight 107.1 pounds.

Q. When was the first torpedo used?

Q. How much money did the treasury department collect in the first installment of income and excess profit taxes due March 15?—A. C.

A. The final compilation has not been officially announced, but it is estimated that the March 15 installment of income and excess profit taxes will total \$\$50,000,000 to \$900,000,000.

Q When were sleeping cars first used?—H. F.

Q. How is the plant, Job's Tears, grown?—R. F.

A. The seeds are sown in a warm place in February or March. The young plants will be ready to be placed outdoors late in May or June. They should be planted in good soil in a sunny location. After the flower blooms you will notice attractive bluish-white seeds which are popularly used in making beads.

ers?-P. L. D.
A. Harry Vardon, George Duncan,
Ted Ray and Abe Mitchell are generally
rated as the leading English golfers.

Q. For what service was the late President Theodore Rooseyplt awarded the Nobel peace prize?—H. K. A. For the part he took in the bringing about a cessation of hostilities in the Russo-Japanese war and the negotiation of the Portsmouth peace treaty.

A. Yerkes observatory is the astro-nomical observatory of the University of thicago. It is located at Williams Hay Wis. It was endowed in 1892 by T Yerkes, and was completed

Q. What is the fastest time ever made by a railroad train for any ex-tended distance?—A. B. S. A. The fastest time of which we find record was made June 8, 1985, by

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



THE HASKIN LETTER

AN EPIDEMIC OF WANDERLUST

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

the city. The latest statistics regarding these damsels are worth mentioning: Sixty-eight thousand of them were reported to the authorities as "missing" during the past year, of whom 4,000 completely disappeared in New York alone.

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One such foreign fiances who arrived not long ago, was scheduled to marry a man in Washington a couple of days later. The guests were invited, the wedding presents were assembled, and

Daily Editorial Digest

THIS column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

The Siberian Peril.

While the red menace in Siberia appears to a large section of the American press to justify the seizure of Viadivostok, Japan comes in for bitter denunciation from many editorial writers who attribute to her selfish, imperialist motives. Some, like the Syracuse Post-Standard (Ind. Rep.) consider that "between a Japanese peril and a Bolshevist peril on the Pacific coast of Russia, the Western world would prefer the Japanese."

To the Nashville Banner (Ind.) it is "ominous of international involvement" but possibly capable of settlement by permitting Japan "to exploit that portion of the Asiatic continent, to prevent her from becoming troublesome elsewhere."

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Not to have selzed the port would have been "national suicide" for Japan, believes the Dayton Daily News (Dem.) and the New York Tribune (Rep.) declares that her "right and privilege cannot be questioned." The Utica Press (Ind.) sees a possible benefit to Russia; it says Japan can "bring out of that almost hopeless Siberian confusion and anarchy a condition that will make stable government possible."

The occupation, says the Detroit Journal (Ind. Rep.) "does not seem to violate any of the principles for the maintenance of peace in the Far East upon which the allied powers are in agreement. . . . Japan took the same course that the United States would pursue if an enemy should penetrate Cuba and use the island as a base for unfriendly operations." Indeed, the Boston Transcript (Ind. Rep.) chooses the same comparison, and remarks that America would fight Bolshevism in Central America as Japan has in Siberia, where she is now "guided by the duty of national self-defense." The Detroit Free Press (Ind.) puts Japan's motives even higher, and says:

"The occupancy of Vladivostok by Bolshevists has been a menace to Asiatic stability and civilization, and a threat to the quiet nations further removed. Japan as a matter of self-preservation and as a steward of world interests in the Far East, could not allow it to continue."

Neither imperialism nor defense against the reds is the motive of the coup, in the opinion of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Ind.) which thinks it is "probably a political move to aid in the suppression of the Korean rebellion," and adds:

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suppression of the Korean rebellion," and adds:
"Japan could not hope to take and hold this important port and terminus of the Trans-Siberian railway, without the approval of the alled powers, but the Japanese military police can use this period of occupation to destroy the organization of Korean patriots who have made headquarters at Vladivostok because it is so convenient to Korea."

But the Lynchburg News (Dem.) thinks "the world is suspicious of moves by an imperialistic government that may result in the acquisition of territory, but the world cannot afford to withhold from Japan the benefit of the doubt." The Baltimore Sun (Ind. Dem.) admits Japan is right "from her own standpoint," and suggests that the "old carrist regime had reason to regret making an issue with Japan—will she be the rock on which the soviet government also is to strike disastrous-ly?"

As to Japan's right to occupy Vladi-

burgh Press (Ind.) which declares that "Japan makes it a matter of tremendous difficulty for even the most charitable judgment to believe in her sincerity. Her policy in Manchuria. Korea and elsewhere is a history of lieing and broken promises."

After reviewing the official explanation of the occupation, the Johnstown Democrat (Dem.) minces no words, but boldly says:

"The Japanese, of course, are liars. The truth is not in them. They are an unmoral, egotistical, fanatical people, with whom we have been associated in the purpose of slaying imperialism and militarism.

Japan marches into Siberia and alleges that her impelling reason is a desire to construct a barrier against Bolshevism. Armies can not do that trick.

The Brocklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.) grants them no absolution. It declares the Japs are "obviously preparing to carry out their imperialistic designs in Siberia and North China;" and the Salt Lake Telegram (Ind.) points out that while Japan "has promised that her troops will leave Vladivostok when certain conditions are fulfilled, this does not mean that Japan will leave this great Siberian city until she has to."

Another jeer at talk of checking the reds comes from the New York Globe (Ind.) which says:

"The pretense has worn thin a little, and in Japan's case, coupled with this high-handed outrage, it will not go far. The truth is that Japan is ambitious to extend her sphere of influence, if not her actual boundaries, on the Asiatic continent and . . . the United States is showing no interest in anything beyond its own 20 fingers and toes. It is for Japan a golden hour. But for civilization it may be a dark hour."

According to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (Rep.) the coup "offers the world another example in the form of 'enlightened expediency' on which President Wilson set his seal of approval in Paris." Under the guise of military necessity, it says, Japan has established "a base from which they hope to dominate China and Siberia."

The Foak Island Argus (Dem.) blames the "kickers" who brou

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Congress may discover it cannot ne-gotiate peace without "the advice and consent" of the president.—Salt Lake Herald.

The story that China and Japan have almost agreed concerning Shantung means that China has almost agreed—



AS THEY once came.

AND TO their ears.

AS WE went through.

AND MARCHING feet,

ARE DRAGGING feet.

AND THEY make things.

THAT THEY would sell.

AND NO one comes.

FOR MONUMENTS.

AND COMING home,

IF I have changed.

SINCE YESTERDAY.

I ASK again.

WHILE WE drop coins,

SOMEWHERE IN France.

WHEN CAMPS were full.

AND THERE was war,

THERE COME no cheers.

TO MARK some spot. WHERE SOLDIERS fell. AND THE monument. WAS TO be a gift. FROM AMERICA. TO HER sister France. AND I read the plea. AND FELT no thrill. AND DROPPED no coin. AND WENT away. AND WONDERED why. AND ASKED myself. IF IT could be. THAT I had changed. FROM THE yesterdays. WHEN THERE WAS WAT. AND THE tramp of feet. ON CITY streets. AND THE blare of bands, THAT LED them on. DREW CHEERS from me.

AND TOUCHED my purse. AND DIMMED my eyes. AND I didn't know. IF I had changed. AND THE next day came. AND THERE came a friend, AND HE led me away. TO A little town.

AND A great frame place, WHERE SOLDIERS were. AND THEY were those. WHO HAD been there. SOMEWHERE IN France. AND HAD come back home. WITHOUT THEIR youth, AND WITHOUT their strength. AND THEY sat there,

I THANK you. THE PAINSTAKING MARINE.

Army water carts differ from one another about the same as, say, one egg differs from another egg—namely, in size. The number of gallons which each cart can contain is, therefore, stenciled on the top of it.

The captain of a marine supply company in France was inventorying his carts and totaling the figures.

"Wilkins," he called to an idle private who hadn't had the sense to get out of the way, "get me the capacity of this cart."

The captain ran his pencil down the column of figures for several seconds, keeping one ear open for the result of Wilkins' research.

But no reply came from Wilkins. The captain glanced up to find all of Wilkins except the head protruding from

aptain glanced up to find all of Wil-kins except the head protruding from the hole in the top of the water cart. A desperate struggle with some, unseen monster seemed to be going on inside the cart. Finally Wilkins' baffled head emerged.

"I felt all around the blamed thing, captain," he explained, "and damned

captain." he explained, "and damne if I can locate that capacity anywhere. —The Home Sector. "I understand you have a number of the old masters in your gallery." "Gallery?" echoed Mr. Crumrex. "Nonsense! I've got 'em right down in the front row."—Washington Star.